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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1378

**Introduced by Assembly Members V. Manuel Pérez, Fletcher, and
Salas**

February 27, 2009

An act to add ~~Section 14013.5 to~~ *and repeal Section 14013.5 of the* Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to workforce investment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1378, as amended, V. Manuel Pérez. California Workforce Investment Board: veterans workforce program.

The federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 provides for workforce investment activities, including activities in which states may participate. Under existing law, the California Workforce Investment Board is responsible for assisting the Governor in the development, oversight, and continuous improvement of California's workforce investment system. Existing law requires the board, among other things, to assist the Governor with promoting the development of a well-educated and highly skilled workforce and developing the State Workforce Investment Plan.

This bill would establish the Veterans Workforce Accountability Act for the purpose of providing a method for the comprehensive and transparent evaluation of expenditures for veteran workforce development programs in the state, as specified. The bill would require the board to conduct an ~~annual~~ assessment of those programs, and, in

consultation with the Employment Training Panel, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and representatives of the Employment Development Department, to implement and administer provisions of the act, as provided. The bill would require the board, to ~~annually~~ report to the Governor and the appropriate legislative policy and budget committees *by December 31, 2011*, on the effectiveness of existing job skills development, training, and referral programs for military veterans who are transitioning to civilian work.

The bill would provide that the provisions of the bill shall only be implemented to the extent that federal funds are made available to the state for the purposes of the bill.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 14013.5 is added to the Unemployment
2 Insurance Code, to read:

3 14013.5. (a) The Veterans Workforce Accountability Act is
4 hereby established for the purpose of providing a method for the
5 comprehensive and transparent evaluation of expenditures for
6 veteran workforce development programs in the state. The board
7 shall conduct an ~~annual~~ assessment evaluating the effectiveness
8 of those programs that assist veterans with the transition to civilian
9 work, which are funded with federal moneys provided to the state,
10 including the approximately eighteen million dollar (\$18,000,000)
11 annual grant that the state receives from the United States
12 Department of Labor.

13 (b) The board, in consultation with the Employment Training
14 Panel, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and representatives of
15 the department shall outline, implement, and administer this
16 section. The board shall also develop clear, comprehensive, and
17 transparent objectives, and appropriate criteria that may be used
18 to evaluate the effectiveness of existing workforce training and
19 job referral programs for veterans.

20 (c) The assessment required to be prepared pursuant to this
21 section shall evaluate all of the following:

22 (1) The extent to which moneys are being expended for outreach,
23 assessment of job skills and interests, and the referral of veterans
24 to specific training opportunities and prospective job placement.

1 The outreach measures required to be assessed pursuant to this
2 subdivision shall also include an evaluation of the provision of
3 information to veterans regarding ways to finance training
4 opportunities that require fees or the payment of tuition.

5 (2) The extent to which moneys are being expended for the
6 assessment of job skills acquired during military service that may
7 be used, or adapted for use, for civilian purposes by the veteran
8 client.

9 (3) The extent to which moneys are being expended to provide
10 workforce training and job referral programs for eligible veterans
11 at one-stop career centers.

12 (d) The board shall ~~annually~~ report to the Governor and the
13 appropriate legislative policy and budget committees *by December*
14 *31, 2011*, on the effectiveness of existing job skills and employment
15 opportunities provided to military veterans who are transitioning
16 to civilian work.

17 (e) This section shall only be implemented to the extent that
18 federal funds are made available to the state for purposes of this
19 section.

20 (f) (1) *A report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (d) shall*
21 *be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government*
22 *Code.*

23 (2) *Pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, this*
24 *section is repealed on December 31, 2015.*